

# Capturing and Recreating Diverse Antibody Repertoires as Multivalent Recombinant Polyclonal Antibody Drugs

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## ABSTRACT

Plasma-derived polyclonal antibodies are polyvalent drugs used for many important clinical indications that require modulation of multiple drug targets simultaneously, including emerging infectious disease and transplantation. However, plasma-derived drugs suffer many problems, including low potency, impurities, constraints on supply, and batch-to-batch variation. In this study, we demonstrated proofs-of-concept for a technology that uses microfluidics and molecular genomics to capture diverse mammalian antibody repertoires as multivalent recombinant drugs. These “recombinant hyperimmune” drugs were derived from convalescent human donors, or vaccinated human donors or immunized mice, and comprised thousands or tens of thousands of antibodies. Here we used our technology to build a potent recombinant hyperimmune for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2 (SARS CoV-2) in less than three months. We also validated a recombinant hyperimmune for Zika virus disease that abrogates antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE) through Fc engineering. For patients with primary immune deficiency (PID), we built high potency polyvalent recombinant hyperimmunes against pathogens that commonly cause serious lung infections. Finally, to address the limitations of rabbit-derived anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG), we generated a recombinant human version and demonstrated *in vivo* function against graft-versus-host disease (GVHD). Recombinant hyperimmunes are a novel class of drugs that could be used to target a wide variety of other clinical applications, including cancer and autoimmunity.

## INTRODUCTION

Many diseases are best treated by drugs that target multiple epitopes, for example, infectious viruses or bacteria with many variants or serotypes. Such multi-target diseases are treated with polyspecific (polyvalent) antibodies derived from human or animal plasma, such as intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG).<sup>1</sup> Higher-potency polyclonal antibody drugs known as “hyperimmunes” are often derived from the plasma of recently vaccinated human donors, for example, HepaGam B against Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)<sup>2</sup> and BabyBIG against infant botulism.<sup>3</sup> In diseases for which human vaccination is not possible, hyperimmunes can be generated by immunizing animals, for example, rabbit-derived Thymoglobulin against human thymocytes for transplant tolerance.<sup>4</sup> For rapid response to emerging pathogens with poorly characterized neutralizing epitopes, many groups have developed hyperimmunes derived from immunized animal plasma or convalescent human serum, for example, Zika virus hyperimmune<sup>5</sup> or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2 (SARS CoV-2).<sup>6-7</sup>

Plasma-derived antibody therapeutics have significant drawbacks. First, demand for normal and convalescent donor plasma often outstrips supply.<sup>8</sup> Plasma-derived drugs have in the past suffered from impurities, including infectious viruses and clotting factors, that have resulted in serious adverse events.<sup>9-10</sup> Antibody drugs derived from animal plasma occasionally cause allergic reactions,<sup>11</sup> lead to anti-drug antibodies, and have suboptimal effector properties.<sup>12</sup> Because they are derived from naturally occurring proteins, plasma-derived drugs are not easily engineered, as it is not possible to modify Fc sequences to improve mechanism of action or drug half-life. Finally, each batch of a plasma-derived drug is usually derived from a different cohort of human donors or animals, resulting in batch-to-batch variation.<sup>13-15</sup>

Generating multivalent hyperimmunes using recombinant DNA technology could solve many of the problems inherent to plasma-derived hyperimmunes. However, manufacturing recombinant polyclonal antibodies presents substantial technical hurdles. Most importantly, a recombinant hyperimmune technology would have to isolate significant numbers of B cells from donors or animals, natively pair heavy and light chain immunoglobulin (Ig) at a single cell level, and then clone the sequences into recombinant expression libraries for manufacturing. Also, most production cell lines for recombinant antibody drugs are generated by randomly integration of expression constructs into mammalian cell genomes.<sup>16</sup> To prevent mispairing between heavy and light chain immunoglobulin (Ig), a recombinant hyperimmune technology would require a single genome integration site. Pioneering work used 96-well plates to capture antibody sequences from B cells isolated from human donors immunized with Rho(D)+ erythrocytes and then engineer polyvalent recombinant antibodies,<sup>17</sup> but this approach produced drug candidates with fewer than 30 antibodies, complicating broad application and reducing potential for polyvalence.

Here we describe a novel technology that has the potential to solve unmet clinical problems in the field by generating diverse recombinant hyperimmunes through modern high-throughput microfluidics, genomics, and mammalian cell engineering. B cells from human donors or mice were run through a microfluidic platform, heavy and light chain Ig nucleic acid sequences were fused on a single-cell level to create antibody repertoires,<sup>18</sup> antibody repertoires were engineered into full-length expression

constructs *en masse*, and then the full-length antibody expression constructs were engineered *en masse* into Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells in a site-directed manner. We applied our technology to develop thousands-diverse polyvalent recombinant hyperimmune drug candidates that address unmet clinical needs for the COVID-19 pandemic, Zika virus disease, primary immune deficiency (PID), and transplant tolerance. We showed *in vivo* and/or *in vitro* validation of a drug candidate for each of the four clinical applications and discuss how this novel class of drugs might be broadly applicable for other emerging and existing clinical problems.

## RESULTS

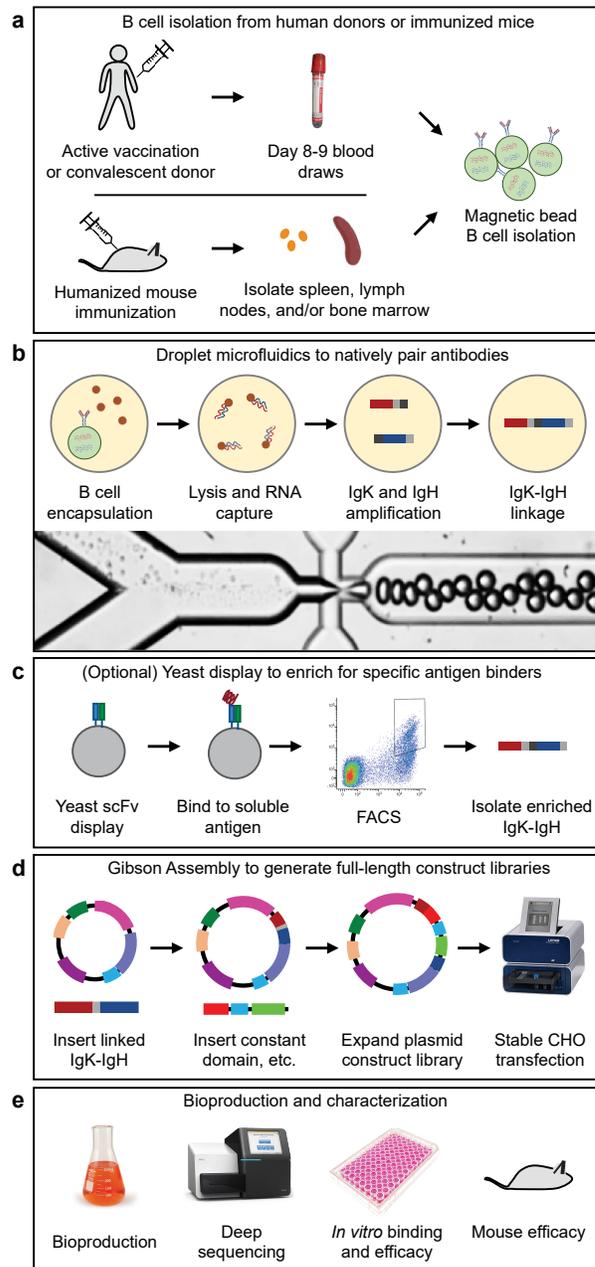
### ***Capturing Diverse Antibody Repertoires as CHO Libraries***

Mammalian antibody repertoires are extremely diverse, comprising as many as  $10^7$  antibody clonotypes.<sup>19</sup> Advanced molecular technology is required to capture a substantial fraction of a mammalian donor's diverse antibody repertoire. Previously, we reported methods for generating millions-diverse libraries of natively paired heavy and light chain Ig sequences in yeast.<sup>18</sup> That method used microfluidics to isolate millions of single B cells per hour into picoliter droplets for lysis, followed by overlap extension reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (OE-RT-PCR), to generate libraries of natively paired single chain variable fragments (scFv).

Because antibody repertoires often comprise many antibodies not directed against the target(s) of interest, we employed a variety of enrichment methods (**Figure 1**). For ATG, Zika virus, *Haemophilus influenzae* b (Hib), and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus), we administered immunogens to human donors or humanized mice prior to sampling antibody-producing cells. For SARS CoV-2, we recruited convalescent donors who recently tested positive for COVID-19, made yeast display scFv libraries from donor B cells, and sorted the libraries derived from these donors to enrich for antibodies directed against SARS CoV-2 antigen. In all cases, the output was a library of thousands or tens of thousands of natively paired scFv DNAs, enriched for activity against their respective target(s).

Next, we used each library of scFv DNAs to produce natively paired full-length antibody expression constructs, which were then engineered into mammalian cells for bioproduction of recombinant hyperimmunes (**Figure 1**). Cloning into full-length antibody expression constructs was performed *en masse*, i.e., we performed all molecular steps on full libraries rather than individual clones. Briefly, the protocol involved a series of two Gibson Assemblies,<sup>20</sup> which we termed Gibson Assembly 1 (GA1) and Gibson Assembly 2 (GA2) (**Supplementary Figure S1**). In GA1, the scFv library was inserted into a vector backbone that contained a promoter, a fragment of the IgG1 constant domain, and a poly(A) signal. In GA2, we linearized the GA1 plasmid, and subcloned it into a DNA fragment that contained a fragment of the IgK constant domain, a second poly(A) signal, and a second promoter.

Production cell lines for monoclonal antibodies are typically produced by randomly inserting expression constructs into the CHO genome.<sup>16</sup> This method produces cell lines with genomic insertion of multiple copies of the expression construct. If we randomly inserted our polyclonal antibody construct libraries into the CHO genome, because each cell contains several inserted transgenes, many clones would express multiple antibodies, which would result in frequent non-native pairing between heavy and light chain Ig. Additionally, different genome locations have different transcriptional activity levels,<sup>21</sup> which could result in heterogeneous, inconsistent and/or unstable bioproduction. We therefore used CHO cell lines engineered with a Flp recombinase recognition target (FRT) landing pad. We then used these cell lines for stable expression of recombinant hyperimmunes in polyclonal cell banks.



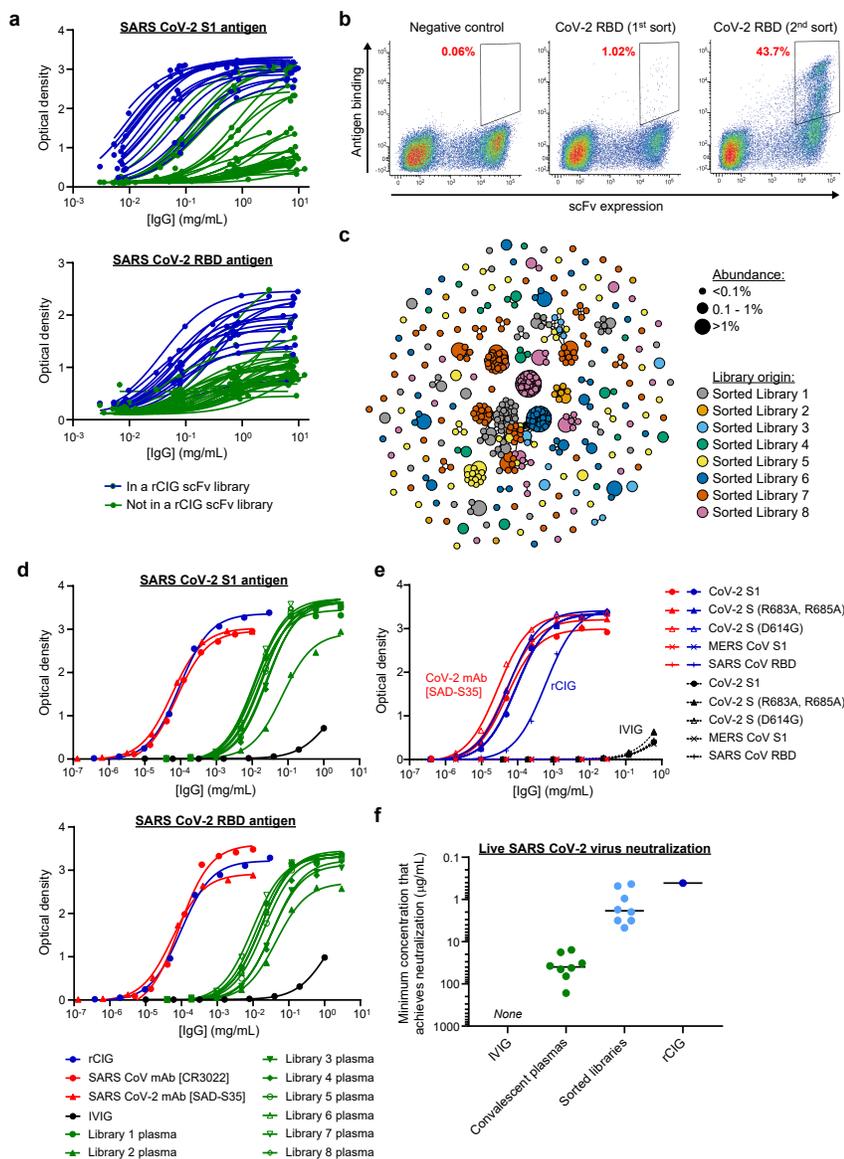
**Figure 1.** (a) B cells were isolated from human donors (vaccinated or convalescent) or immunized humanized mice. (b) Droplet microfluidics were used to capture naturally paired antibody sequences from millions of single cells. (c) An optional yeast scFv display system was used to enrich for binders to a soluble antigen. (d) A two-step Gibson Assembly process converted the scFv fragment to full-length antibody expression constructs, which were then stably integrated into CHO cells following electroporation and selection. (e) After bioproduction, the libraries were characterized in many ways including deep sequencing, *in vitro* binding and efficacy assays, and *in vivo* mouse efficacy studies.

## ***Recombinant Hyperimmune for Rapid Response to SARS CoV-2***

Emerging viruses are a constant and unpredictable threat to human health. In the past two decades alone, the world has seen outbreaks of Ebola virus,<sup>22</sup> SARS,<sup>23</sup> Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS),<sup>24</sup> 2009 H1N1 swine flu,<sup>25</sup> Zika Virus,<sup>26</sup> and SARS CoV-2,<sup>27</sup> among others. Prophylactic vaccines often require long development timelines, for example, the recently approved Ebola virus vaccine required over 15 years of pre-clinical and clinical development before showing efficacy.<sup>28</sup> Development of broadly neutralizing monoclonal antibodies is confounded by the difficulty of identifying broadly neutralizing epitopes,<sup>22</sup> which often requires years of research. Because of such issues, convalescent COVID-19 plasma has emerged as a promising approach to address the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>6-7</sup> However, convalescent plasma is difficult to manufacture at scale because convalescent plasma supply is constrained and each plasma donor supplies enough therapeutic for only 1-2 patients.

To address the urgent unmet clinical need of the COVID-19 pandemic, we used our technology to build a recombinant hyperimmune against SARS CoV-2, which we called recombinant Coronavirus 2 Immune Globulin, or rCIG. In March 2020, we recruited 50 human donors from a single clinic in Louisiana (USA), who either had tested positive for SARS CoV-2 by nasal swab PCR testing or had shown symptoms of COVID-19 around the time of a major local outbreak. First, we assessed anti-SARS CoV-2 plasma titer for each of the donors using the S1 and receptor binding domain (RBD) regions of SARS CoV-2 Spike glycoprotein (**Figure 2a; Supplementary Table S1**). We observed a wide range of EC50s among patients who tested positive for COVID-19 (range: 0.0056-9.94 mg/ml). We selected 16 donors with high plasma titers and used our technology to build yeast scFv display libraries from pools of 2 donors, for a total of 8 libraries. The libraries comprised a median of 70,940 antibodies (range: 54,986-156,592; **Supplementary Table S2**).

We used flow sorting to enrich for anti-SARS CoV-2 antibodies in the 8 yeast scFv libraries (**Figure 2b; Supplementary Figure S2; Supplementary Table S2**). One round of sorting suggested that a median of 0.99% of antibodies (range: 0.42-2.29%) were directed against SARS CoV-2. After two rounds of sorting, a median of 62.7% of unsorted antibody sequences were human IgG1 isotype (range: 51.5-83.4%), whereas in the sorted libraries a median of 82.4% of antibody sequences were human IgG1 isotype (range: 63.6-92.2%), suggesting that the COVID-19 antibody response generally comprised IgG1 antibodies. Next, we used our technology to make full-length polyclonal antibody preparations from each of the 8 scFv libraries. We used anti-SARS CoV-2 ELISA, Spike:ACE2 blocking assays, and pseudotype and live virus neutralization assays to assess the relative activity of each of the 8 antibody libraries (**Supplementary Figures S3-S5; Supplementary Table S2**). We pooled the 8 scFv-sorted CHO cell banks in a way that sought to balance high antibody diversity with high anti-SARS CoV-2 pseudotype neutralization titer (**Supplementary Table S3**) and used the combined cell bank to generate rCIG protein product (**Supplementary Figure S6**). We completed this entire process, from delivery of the first donor sample to lab-scale generation of the rCIG protein product, in less than three months.



**Figure 2.** (a) ELISA of individual human plasma donors against SARS CoV-2 S1 antigen (top) or RBD antigen (bottom). Dark blue indicates donors used in one of the rCIG scFv libraries. (b) Example FACS enrichment of antibodies against CoV-2 RBD from rCIG library 1 using yeast display. The x-axis measures presence of a C-terminal c-Myc tag, indicating expression of an scFv on the surface of the cell. The y-axis measures binding of antigen to the scFv-expressing cells. The gates used for yeast selection (double positive) are indicated, with the percentage of scFv-expressed antigen binders in red. (c) Clonal cluster analysis of rCIG antibodies. Each node represents an antibody clone (full-length heavy chain). The color of the nodes indicates the sorted rCIG library from which the scFv clones were derived. The size of the nodes reflects the frequency of the scFv clones in the final library (only clones  $\geq 0.01\%$  are plotted). We computed the total number of amino acid differences between each pairwise alignment, and edges indicate  $\leq 5$  amino acid differences. (d) ELISA of the indicated samples against SARS CoV-2 S1 antigen (top) or RBD antigen (bottom). (e) ELISA of the indicated samples (indicated by the color) against the indicated antigens (different shapes). For rCIG, no binding was observed against MERS CoV S1. For the CoV-2 mAb [SAD-S35], no binding was observed against MERS CoV S1 and SARS CoV RBD. (f) Live virus neutralization. Individual dots are separate libraries or samples that represent the minimum antibody concentration that achieved neutralization. Each sample was run in duplicate with the same result observed for each replicate. No neutralization was seen for IVIG.

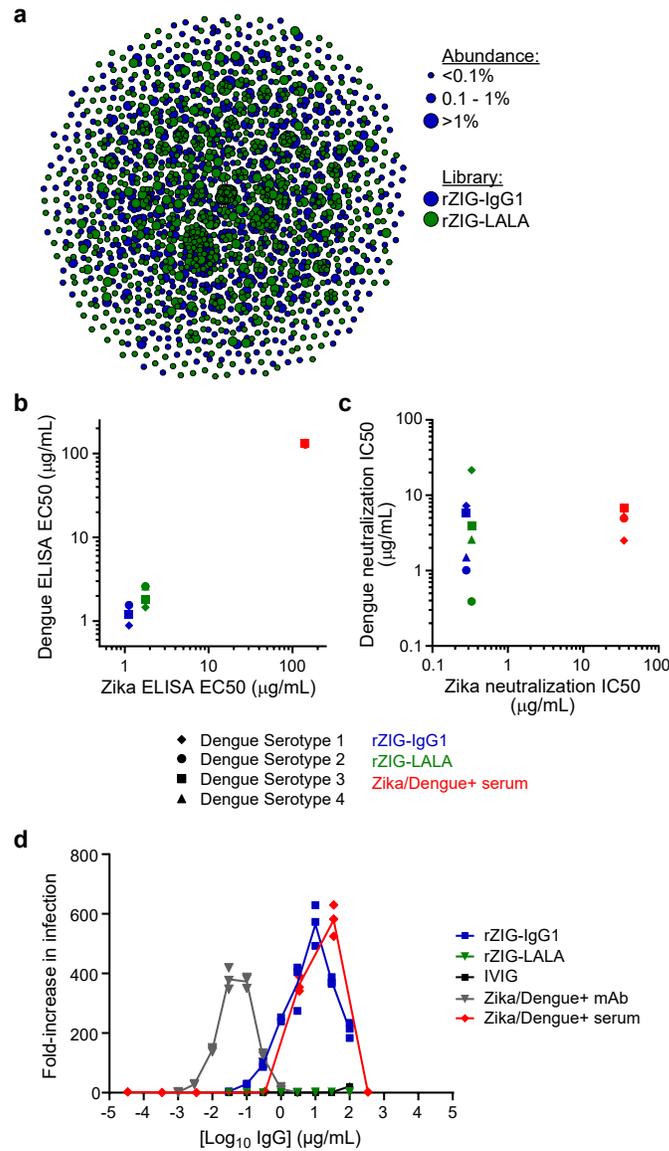
Antibody RNA sequencing of the final CHO cell bank indicated that the rCIG drug candidate comprised a diverse set of 12,500 antibodies (**Figure 2c; Supplementary Table S4**). Anti-SARS CoV-2 ELISA suggested that the binding titer of rCIG was between 99- and 747-fold higher than corresponding plasma (**Figure 2d; Supplementary Figures S3; Supplementary Tables S2, S4**). ELISAs with several natural variants of SARS CoV-2 and antigens from related viruses, including SARS CoV and MERS CoV, showed that rCIG bound a broader variety of antigen targets than IVIG or a neutralizing CoV-2 mAb (**Figure 2e; Supplementary Figure S7; Supplementary Table S4**). Finally, Spike:ACE2 blocking assays, pseudotype virus neutralization assays, and live SARS CoV-2 neutralization assays suggested that the neutralizing titer of rCIG was between 44- and 1,767-fold higher than corresponding convalescent plasma (**Figure 2f; Supplementary Figures S4-S5; Supplementary Tables S2, S4**). We concluded that rCIG was a promising alternative to COVID-19 convalescent plasma due to higher potency and the ability to scale good manufacturing practice (GMP) production without the need to recruit more donors.

### ***Recombinant Hyperimmune for Zika Virus***

In 2015-2016, a major outbreak of the mosquito-borne flavivirus Zika spread across Latin America.<sup>26</sup> Though Zika virus has been less widespread and less deadly than SARS CoV-2, Zika can spread from mother to fetus *in utero*, resulting in birth defects such as microcephaly.<sup>29</sup> As of July 2020, there was no FDA-approved vaccine or therapy for Zika virus. Zika virus disease is complicated by antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE),<sup>30-31</sup> a phenomenon in which poorly neutralizing antibodies enhance viral infection by bringing virus particles to cells that express Fc receptor (FcR). This problem is particularly troublesome for individuals who have been previously infected with Dengue, a related flavivirus, since many anti-Dengue antibodies are poor neutralizers against Zika virus, and vice versa.<sup>32</sup> ADE is a safety concern in the development of plasma-derived hyperimmunes and vaccines.<sup>33</sup>

To address the Zika pandemic, we used our technology to build a recombinant hyperimmune against Zika virus, which we termed recombinant Zika Immune Globulin, or rZIG. Though convalescent Zika-infected donors may have been available internationally, we decided to use Zika as a test case to show how a recombinant hyperimmune could be built against an emerging pathogen in the absence of any human donors. Therefore, to create rZIG, we used human-transgenic mice (Trianni) that expressed a complete repertoire of human antibody sequences. The mice were immunized with Zika virus antigens (**Supplementary Figure S8**). To explore our ability to engineer an rZIG that would not exhibit ADE, we additionally boosted with four inactivated Dengue virus serotypes.

We used B cells from the immunized animals and our microfluidics technology to create an scFv library of natively paired IgGs. The resulting scFv library comprised approximately 119,700 IgG-IgK clonotypes (**Supplementary Table S5**). Next, we used the scFv library and our CHO engineering technology to create rZIG CHO cell banks with a wild type human IgG1 isotype (rZIG-IgG1) or a mutated human IgG1 with



**Figure 3.** (a) Clonal cluster analysis of rZIG-IgG1 (blue) and rZIG-LALA (green) antibodies. Each node represents an antibody clone (full-length heavy chain). The size of the nodes reflects the frequency of the scFv clones in the final library (only clones  $\geq 0.01\%$  are plotted). We computed the total number of amino acid differences between each pairwise alignment after combining both libraries together, and edges indicate  $\leq 5$  amino acid differences. (b) ELISA of rZIG-IgG1 (blue), rZIG-LALA (green), and Zika/Dengue+ serum control (red) for Dengue serotypes 1-4 (y-axis; indicated by shape) and Zika virus antigen (x-axis). (c) Pseudotype neutralization by rZIG-IgG1 (blue), rZIG-LALA (green), and Zika/Dengue+ serum control (red) for Dengue serotypes 1-4 (y-axis; indicated by shape) and Zika virus antigen (x-axis). (d) ADE assay for rZIG-IgG1 (blue), rZIG-LALA (green), and positive and negative controls. Test article concentration is on the x-axis. Fold-increase infection is on the y-axis, which was the infection-induced luciferase signal observed in the presence of antibody divided by the luciferase signal observed with a no antibody control infection.

abrogated FcR binding (rZIG-LALA).<sup>34</sup> Antibody RNA sequencing of IgG sequences in the rZIG cell banks suggested that the rZIG-IgG1 comprised 33,642 antibodies and rZIG-LALA comprised 26,708 antibodies (**Figure 3a; Supplementary Table S6**). A Morisita overlap of 86% and a Jaccard overlap of 58% between the rZIG-IgG1 and rZIG-LALA libraries suggested that the cell banks comprised substantially similar antibody repertoires. We used these CHO cell banks to produce rZIG-IgG1 and rZIG-LALA hyperimmunes at laboratory scale (**Supplementary Figures S9-S10**).

Anti-Zika virus ELISA showed that both rZIG-LALA and rZIG-IgG1 had >75-fold higher titers against Zika virus than a human Zika positive serum sample (**Supplementary Figure S11; Supplementary Table S6**). Both rZIG-LALA and rZIG-IgG1 additionally had anti-Dengue binding activity across four serotypes, with EC50s in the same range as the anti-Zika EC50s (**Figure 3b; Supplementary Figure S12; Supplementary Table S5**). In contrast, though both rZIG-LALA and rZIG-IgG1 had strong activity in a Zika pseudotype neutralization assay (**Supplementary Figure S13**), Dengue neutralization was generally weaker and varied considerably among serotypes (**Figure 3c; Supplementary Figures S14**). We investigated whether the abrogated Fc function of rZIG-LALA could decrease ADE in a cellular assay (**Supplementary Figure S15**). Both Zika+ human serum and rZIG-IgG1 showed considerable ADE, whereas rZIG-LALA showed no detectable ADE in our assay (**Figure 3d**). We concluded that rZIG-LALA was a promising alternative to plasma-derived drugs, due to high neutralizing potency against Zika virus and complete abrogation of the risk of ADE.

### ***IVIG Spike-in for Patients with Primary Immune Deficiency***

Plasma-derived IVIG acts as antibody replacement for patients with humoral primary immune deficiency (PID), who have low serum IgG titers. Though plasma-derived IVIG reduces rates of serious infections in PID, many patients still suffer frequent serious infections that require hospitalization.<sup>35</sup> In particular, about 78% of serious lung infections are caused by pneumococcus and Hib bacteria.<sup>36</sup> Clinicians have improved outcomes by further increasing IVIG doses,<sup>37</sup> suggesting that plasma-derived IVIG has insufficient anti-pathogen activity for certain at-risk PID patients. However, bacterial species are often incredibly diverse, for example, there are 90 known pneumococcus serotypes,<sup>38</sup> complicating therapeutic development. To address this unmet clinical need, we manufactured recombinant hyperimmunes directed against pneumococcus and Hib bacteria, designed as polyvalent “spike-ins” for plasma-derived IVIG, i.e., recombinant Haemophilus Immune Globulin (rHIG) and recombinant Pneumococcus Immune Globulin (rPIG).

We recruited healthy human donors under an IRB protocol, and administered vaccines directed against pneumococcus or Hib. Eight to nine days after vaccination, PBMCs were collected and shipped to our microfluidics processing facility. We selected B cells from the PBMCs, ran millions of cells through our microfluidics platform (**Supplementary Table S7**), and then used the scFv libraries and our CHO engineering technology to create IgG1 CHO cell banks for rHIG and rPIG. Heavy chain antibody RNA sequencing of the cell banks indicated that rHIG comprised 49,206 IgG sequences and rPIG comprised 17,938 IgG sequences (**Figure 4a; Supplementary Tables S8-**

**S9).** We used these CHO cell banks to produce rHIG and rPIG hyperimmunes at laboratory scale (**Supplementary Figures S16-S17**).

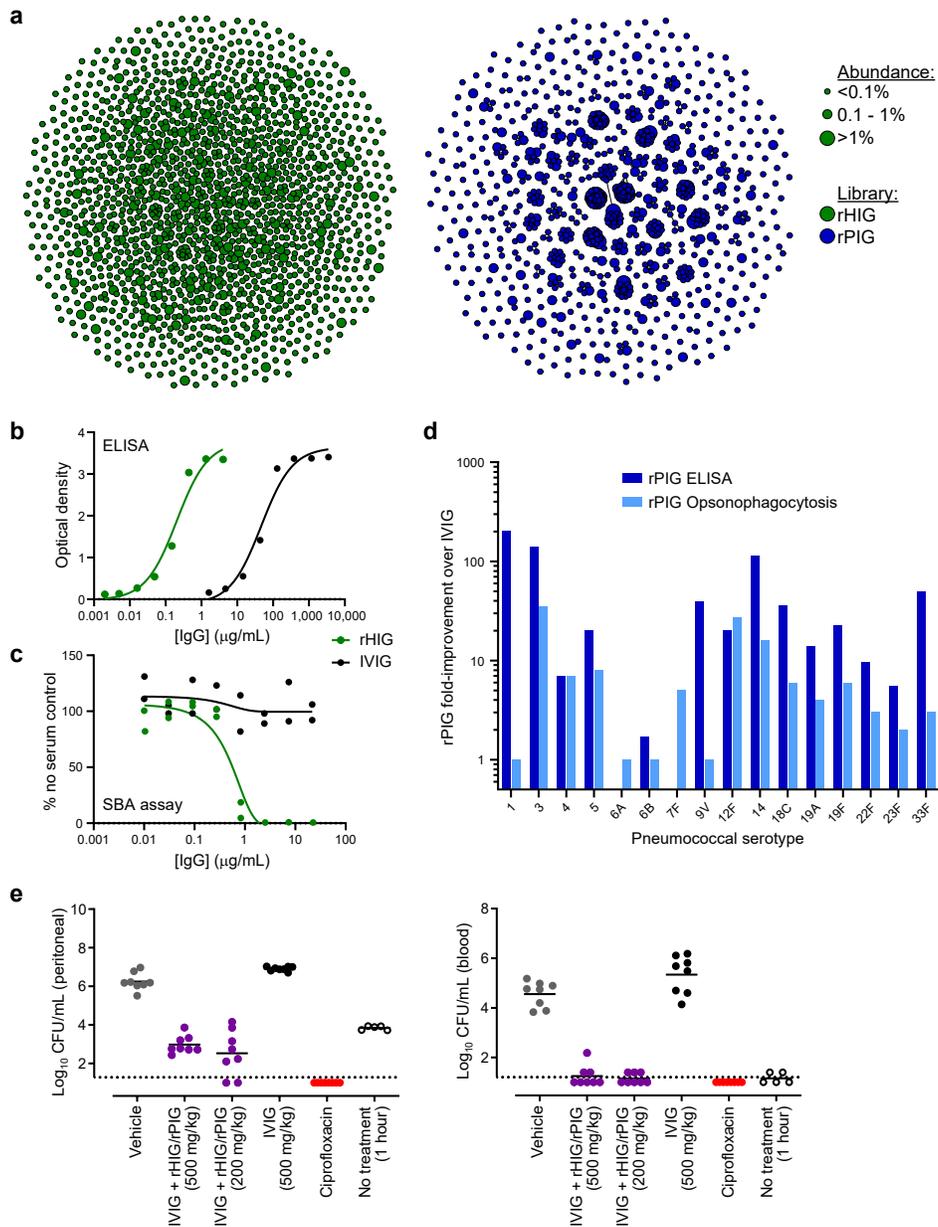
Anti-Hib ELISA indicated that rHIG had 233-fold higher titer than plasma-derived IVIG (**Figure 4b; Supplementary Table S8**). A serum bactericidal assay demonstrated that rHIG was strongly active against two different Hib strains, whereas no bactericidal activity was observed for plasma-derived IVIG (**Figure 4c; Supplementary Figure S18; Supplementary Table S8**). An ELISA against a combination of 23 pneumococcus serotypes showed that rPIG has 85-fold higher titer than plasma-derived IVIG (**Supplementary Figure S19; Supplementary Table S9**). ELISA for individual pneumococcus serotypes showed that rPIG was at least 5-fold higher titer than plasma-derived IVIG for 13 out of 16 serotypes measured, indicating broadly enriched polyvalent reactivity (**Figure 4d; Supplementary Table S9**). Finally, semi-quantitative serotype-specific opsonophagocytosis assays suggested that rPIG was as effective or more effective than plasma-derived IVIG at cell killing for 15 out of 16 serotypes tested (**Figure 4d; Supplementary Table S9**).

To simulate the potential clinical application, rHIG and rPIG were mixed in with plasma-derived IVIG (IVIG + rHIG/rPIG) at a ratio of 1:1:8 (rHIG:rPIG:IVIG), producing a product with 18.3-fold higher titer than plasma IVIG for Hib and 8.3-fold higher titer than plasma IVIG for a pool of 23 pneumococcus serotypes (**Supplementary Figure S20; Supplementary Table S10**). A Hib mouse challenge model using IVIG + rHIG/rPIG as prophylactic treatment showed a dramatic decrease of bacterial loads in the blood and peritoneal fluid as compared to plasma IVIG alone (**Figure 4e**). We conclude that a polyvalent IVIG + rHIG/rPIG product has strong potential to address unmet needs in PID patients.

### ***Recombinant Human ATG for Transplant Tolerance***

In 2019, nearly 40,000 solid organ transplants were performed in the United States alone ([www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org)). Transplant generally introduces at least some mismatch between the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) genotypes of the donor and host. This frequently results in some host-versus-graft (HVG) effects, leading to loss of the graft and other serious complications. To encourage tolerance of grafts, transplant physicians use a variety immunosuppressive drugs at the time of the graft and thereafter.<sup>39</sup> One such drug is anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG), which is manufactured by injecting rabbits with human thymocytes and isolating antibodies from the rabbit serum.<sup>40</sup> However, rabbit Ig can cause allergic reactions and other complications in humans,<sup>11</sup> and drug lots show significant variation in potency.<sup>15</sup>

To improve on rabbit-ATG, we made a recombinant human ATG, or rhATG, derived from transgenic mice that express human antibodies. The mice were immunized with either human T cells or human fetal thymocytes (**Supplementary Figure S21**). We used B cells from the immunized animals and our microfluidics technology to create four scFv libraries of natively paired IgGs: bone marrow cells from T cell immunized mice, lymph node cells from T cell immunized mice, lymph node cells from thymocyte immunized mice, and spleen cells from thymocyte immunized mice. The resulting scFv libraries comprised a range of 13,314 to 34,324 IgG-IgK clonotypes

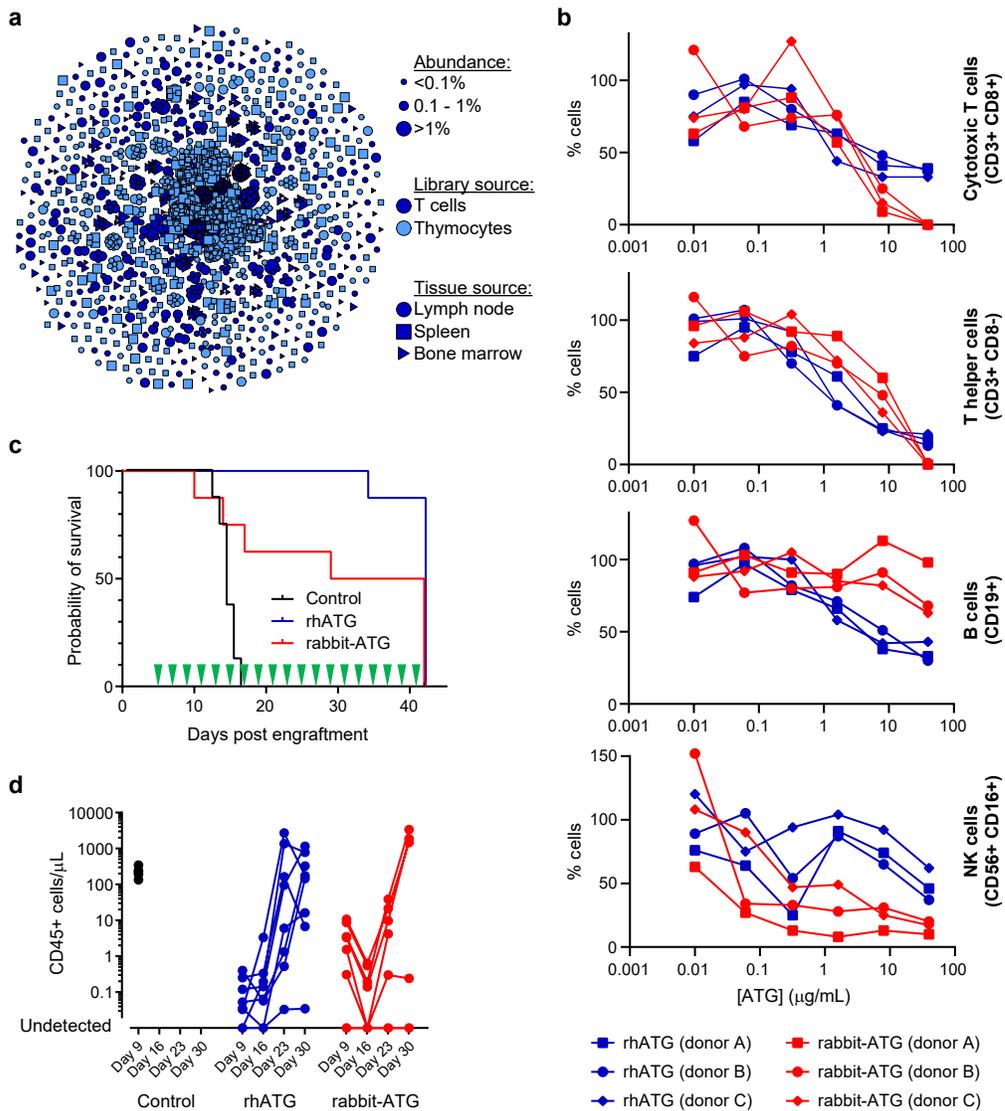


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(**Supplementary Table S11**). We then used our CHO engineering technology to make cell banks from each of the four libraries.

We produced rhATG from each of the CHO cell banks, and then pooled the proteins in equal mass equivalents (**Supplementary Figure S22**). Sequencing of individual libraries suggests that the pool comprised 49,885 antibodies (**Figure 5a**; **Supplementary Table S12**). We then performed ELISA for a panel of known cell surface antigen targets for rabbit-ATG<sup>41</sup> and observed that rhATG bound several immune cell surface targets, but only a subset of the targets bound by rabbit-ATG (**Supplementary Figure S23**). To investigate further, we performed *in vitro* cell killing assays, and showed that rhATG and rabbit-ATG have similar cell killing potency against cytotoxic T cells and helper T cells, whereas rhATG is stronger at killing B cells but weaker at killing NK cells (**Figure 5b**). We also performed anti-erythrocyte binding assays, which suggested that rhATG has less off-target activity than rabbit-ATG (**Supplementary Figure S24**).

Next, we studied the efficacy of rhATG *in vivo*, using a graft-versus-host (GVH) tolerance model in which human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were grafted onto immune-incompetent mice.<sup>42</sup> We dosed animals (n=8 per PBMC donor) with rhATG, rabbit-ATG, or vehicle control, either every other day for 5 weeks starting 5 days after the PBMC graft, or only on days 5, 6, and 7 after the graft. Two different PBMC donors were tested for each dosing regimen. After 42 days, the rhATG hyperimmune was comparable to rabbit plasma-derived ATG for survival and superior to a vehicle control, in both dosing schemes across multiple PBMC donors (**Figure 5c**; **Supplementary Figure S25**). Flow cytometry to quantify immune cells (CD45+) showed that rhATG controlled immune cell expansion as well as rabbit-ATG, whereas for the vehicle control immune cell expansion happened more rapidly (**Figure 5d**; **Supplementary Figure S26**). We concluded that though rhATG and rabbit-ATG apparently do not share identical antigen targets, the drugs have similar efficacy *in vivo*.



**Figure 5.** (a) Clonal cluster analysis of rhATG antibodies. Each node represents an antibody clone (full-length heavy chain). The color of the nodes indicates the immunized library source. The shape of the nodes indicates the mouse tissue origin. The size of the nodes reflects the frequency of the scFv clones in the final library (only clones  $\geq 0.01\%$  are plotted). We computed the total number of amino acid differences between each pairwise alignment, and edges indicate  $\leq 5$  amino acid differences. (b) Cell killing assays of a dilution series of rabbit-ATG (red) and rhATG (blue) with three PBMC donors. The y-axis (% cells) was determined by dividing the number of cells present after overnight incubation with the indicated amount of antibody by the number of cells present in a no antibody control. (c) Survival of mice in the GVH study using PBMC donor 1 treated every other day with a negative vehicle control (black), rabbit-ATG (blue), or rhATG (red). Treatment days are indicated by green triangles. (d) Flow cytometry was used to determine the concentration of CD45+ cells from each alive mouse on Days 9, 16, 23, and 30 of the GVH study from (c) for negative vehicle control (black circles), rhATG (blue circles), or rabbit-ATG (red circles). Lines connect measurements from each mouse. No CD45+ cells were observed where circles intercept the x-axis.

## DISCUSSION

We have generated the first proofs-of-concept for polyvalent,  $10^4$ - to  $10^5$ -diverse recombinant hyperimmune antibody drugs generated from convalescent human blood donors, vaccinated human blood donors, and humanized mouse repertoires. We extensively validated the drug candidates using *in vitro* and *in vivo* methods, highlighting advantages of our drug candidates over plasma-derived incumbents. The technology used to generate the recombinant hyperimmune antibody drugs uniquely combined cutting-edge methods in microfluidics, genomics, and mammalian cell engineering. Contrasted against prior recombinant polyclonal antibody generation methods,<sup>17</sup> our new class of drugs comprised hundreds-fold higher antibody diversity, and therefore represented substantive fractions of antigen-reactive repertoires. Our recombinant hyperimmunes had significant advantages over plasma-derived products, including the ability to scale production without collecting further donors, consistency of production, higher potency, and the ability to modulate pharmacologic problems such as ADE. The rCIG product is currently being manufactured at two good manufacturing practice (GMP) facilities, with the goal of achieving First-in-Human studies in early 2021.

In the future, there are many opportunities to improve our manufacturing processes and further improve upon our drug candidates. First, input linked scFv repertoires typically comprised approximately 2- to 4-fold more antibodies than the final CHO cell banks. Our prior work to clone T cell receptor (TCR) repertoires into Jurkat cells was much more efficient,<sup>43</sup> but that work used lentivirus rather than Flp-In site directed integration, and therefore many Jurkat clones expressed multiple TCRs. In the future, we will work to improve the efficiency of CHO engineering. Another problem for consideration is that we are currently unable to characterize the protein diversity present in the drug candidates; rather, antibody RNA sequencing is used as a proxy for protein diversity. Advances in proteomics may help to solve this problem.<sup>44</sup> Our method relies on PCR amplification of RNA from single cells, which may suffer from amplification bias.<sup>45</sup> Though our goal was not necessarily to precisely recapitulate the input repertoires, PCR bias can result in undesired antibody ratios. Improvements in throughput and cost of DNA synthesis<sup>46</sup> may abrogate the need for PCR amplification and allow for precise engineering of complex antibody mixtures. Finally, the drug candidates described in this study could be improved in many ways. For example, rPIG did not bind equivalently to different serotypes. To improve this product, we could sort yeast scFv libraries for binders to specific serotypes, and then mix in ratios that might be considered more clinically appropriate. Also, though rhATG functioned similarly to rabbit-ATG in our *in vivo* GVH model, and showed less off-target binding, further *in vivo* work may reveal that a different polyvalent mixture would be more efficacious. Such a mixture could be made by further optimizing mouse immunizations, and/or implementing a yeast scFv sorting protocol that selects for on-target specificity using cell lysate, as we have reported previously.<sup>47</sup>

With this novel technology for recombinant hyperimmunes in hand, we are finally able to consider drug development approaches that routinely combine the advantages of recombinant antibodies (purity, consistency, potency) with the advantages of plasma-derived antibodies (proven efficacy, diversity, polyvalence, *in vivo* affinity maturation). In this current study, we have shown how our technology could be used to improve

existing plasma-derived products such as IVIG and rabbit-ATG. In the future, we envision that our technology could be used to develop drugs with novel mechanisms of action, for example, anti-tumor antibody mixtures, or anti-plasma cell mixtures to cure humoral-driven autoimmune disease. Though we demonstrated that our technology could be used to generate a pandemic response very quickly, there needs to be further investment by public health authorities to build out emergency GMP production facilities to quickly generate clinical material during a pandemic. Further, a relatively small budget of <\$50 million could be used to pre-emptively generate recombinant hyperimmune cell banks against the 50 most pressing biodefense threats. Thus, when the next pandemic hits, we would be ready with the drug candidates in hand and spare GMP production facilities standing ready – possibly saving hundreds of thousands of lives and trillions of dollars of lost economic activity.

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## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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## ONLINE METHODS

### *Sourcing Human Materials*

Local ethical regulations were followed and informed consent was obtained for all human sample collection.

*rCIG*: A contract research organization (CRO; Access Biologics, New Orleans, LA, USA) recruited under sample collection protocol #PRO00026464 (Advarra, Columbia, MD, USA) approved by Institutional Review Board (IRB) and included if donors were 12-46 days (average 24 days +/- 14 days) from the onset of two or more COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and pneumonia). Sixty mL of whole blood was collected in ACD tubes, de-identified, and transported overnight to GigaGen for processing. 16 donors with high SARS CoV-2 Spike antigen-specific antibodies by ELISA (as described below) were included in rCIG and were predominantly Caucasian (87.5%), female (75%), aged 49 (+/- 17 years), collected 21 days (+/- 6 days) from onset of symptoms, and were equally distributed with 2, 3, and 4 reported COVID-19 specific symptoms (33%) each.

*rHIG*: A contract research organization (BloodCenter Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, USA) vaccinated two donors (Donor 1, a 26-year-old Caucasian female, and Donor 2, a 21-year-old Asian male) with PedvaxHIB vaccine (Merck, Kenilworth, NJ, USA). Leukapheresis was performed eight or nine days later to obtain PBMCs. In parallel, plasma was isolated from separate blood draws on the day of leukapheresis and prior to vaccination. We performed ELISA against Hib (Alpha Diagnostics, San Antonio, TX, USA; see methods below) on the plasma samples to confirm a response to the vaccine as compared to plasma from the same donors prior to vaccination. Sample collection protocols were approved by IRB protocol #PRO00028063 (Medical College of Wisconsin/Froedtert Hospital IRB) to GigaGen. Informed consent was obtained from all participants and samples were shipped to GigaGen de-identified.

*rPIG*: A contract research organization (AllCells, Alameda, CA, USA) vaccinated three donors (Donor 1, 57-year-old Caucasian male; Donor 2, 44-year-old Caucasian male; Donor 3, 35-year-old Caucasian/Asian male) with Pneumovax®23 vaccine (Merck, Kenilworth, NJ, USA). We performed a 60 mL blood draw eight days later. Plasma and pan-B cells were isolated from whole blood (see methods below). We performed ELISA against a mixture of all 23 pneumococcal polysaccharides (Alpha Diagnostics, San Antonio, TX, USA; see methods below) on the plasma samples to confirm response to the vaccine. Sample collection protocols were approved by IRB protocol #7000-SOP-045 (Alpha IRB, San Clemente, CA, USA) to AllCells. Informed consent was obtained from all participants and samples were shipped to GigaGen de-identified.

### *Processing Human Materials*

For whole blood, PBMCs and plasma were isolated using density gradient centrifugation SepMate tubes with Lymphoprep medium (StemCell Technologies, Vancouver, BC, Canada). To isolate pan-B cells from PBMCs (from either whole blood or a leukopak), we used the Human EasySep Pan-B Cell Enrichment Kit (StemCell, Vancouver, BC, Canada). After isolation, the cells were cryopreserved using CryoStor®

CS10 (StemCell Technologies, Vancouver, BC, Canada). Immediately prior to generating paired heavy and light chain libraries, cells were thawed, washed in cold DPBS+0.5% BSA, assessed for viability with Trypan blue on a disposable hemocytometer (Bulldog Bio, Portsmouth, NH, USA) or with AOPI on a Cellometer K2 (Nexcelom Bioscience, Lawrence, MA, USA), and then re-suspended in 12% OptiPrep™ Density Gradient Medium (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) at 5,000-10,000 cells per  $\mu$ l. This cell mixture was used for microfluidic encapsulation as described below.

#### *Immunization of Trianni Mouse® Mice*

Humanized Trianni Mice were obtained from Trianni (San Francisco, CA, USA). Local ethical regulations were followed for mouse immunizations, by Antibody Solutions IACUC (Sunnyvale, CA, USA).

*rZIG*: Two Trianni humanized mice were immunized consecutively weekly with Zika VLP, inactivated Dengue 1, inactivated Dengue 4, inactivated Dengue 3, then inactivated Dengue 2 with alhydrogel/muramyl dipeptide (ALD/MDP) adjuvant. Animals were checked for antibody titer and boosted with Zika VLPs without adjuvant 5 days before harvest (Antibody Solutions, Santa Clara, CA, USA).

*rhATG*: Two Trianni humanized mice were immunized weekly with human thymocytes from 5 de-identified specimens acquired from a CRO (Vitalant Research Institute, San Francisco, CA, USA) for 5 weeks with ALD/MDP adjuvant and boosted on week 6 without adjuvant. Three Trianni mice were immunized weekly for 5 weeks with Pan T cells (StemCell, Vancouver, Canada) in ALD/MDP isolated from PBMCs from 1 de-identified donor (StemCell), checked for an elevated antigen-specific antibody titer, and boosted with the same cells 5 days before harvest without adjuvant (Antibody Solutions, Santa Clara, CA, USA).

After sacrifice, spleen, lymph nodes, and/or bone marrow were harvested and processed into a single cell suspension. Samples from multiple mice were pooled together by tissue and pan-B cells were isolated from spleen and lymph node tissue using the EasySep Mouse Pan-B Cell Enrichment Kit (StemCell Technologies, Vancouver, BC, Canada). CD138+ cells were isolated from bone marrow using Miltenyi CD138+ mouse microbeads (Miltenyi, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany). After isolation, the cells were cryopreserved using CryoStor® CS10 (StemCell Technologies, Vancouver, BC, Canada).

#### *Generating Paired Heavy and Light Chain Libraries*

Generation of scFv libraries from antibody-producing cells<sup>18</sup> comprises three steps: (i) poly(A)+ mRNA capture, (ii) multiplexed overlap extension reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (OE-RT-PCR), and (iii) nested PCR. Briefly, a microfluidic device captures single cells in droplets with a mixture of lysis buffer and oligo dT beads (NEB, Ipswich, MA, USA). After the cell is lysed and mRNA is bound to the bead, the emulsion is broken, and the mRNA-containing beads are purified. Next, an emulsion is created using OE-RT-PCR reagents and the beads as template. The emulsion is subjected to thermal cycling which creates cDNA, amplifies the IgK and IgG variable regions, and links them together in an scFv format. Then the emulsion is broken and the linked scFv DNA product is extracted and purified. The purified scFv

product is then amplified using nested PCR to remove artifacts and add adapter sequences. Depending on the adapter sequences, the product can be used for deep sequencing, yeast display libraries, or full-length CHO expression.

To convert the scFv libraries into full-length CHO expression libraries, we first used nested outer PCR primers to add adapters with overhangs for Gibson assembly to the 5' and 3' ends of the scFv library (for rCIG, this was done after yeast scFv display enrichment, as described in the next section). Then NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix (NEB, Ipswich, MA, USA) was used to insert the scFv library into a vector containing a single promoter, a secretory leader sequence for light chain Ig and the remainder of the IgG1 constant region, creating a cloned scFv library. This intermediate library was transformed into *E. coli* and plasmids were purified by either (a) spreading onto LB-ampicillin plates, scraping 0.5-1 million colonies and pooling or (b) inoculating directly into LB-ampicillin broth and growing overnight. Plasmid purification was performed using ZymoPURE II Plasmid Maxiprep Kits (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA, USA). To create the full-length antibody library, we performed a second Gibson assembly by linearizing the product of GA1 with BamHI-HF (rHIG) or NheI-HF (rCIG, rPIG, rhATG, and rZIG) (NEB, Ipswich, MA, USA) and using it as a vector to insert a synthetic amplicon containing a portion of the light chain Ig constant region, a poly(A) signal for light chain Ig, a promoter for the IgG gene and a secretory leader sequence for the IgG gene. The full-length library was then transformed into *E. coli* and spread on LB-ampicillin plates. We typically combined >0.5 million colonies and purified plasmid with a ZymoPURE II Plasmid Maxiprep Kits (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA, USA) to make the full-length recombinant hyperimmune maxiprep library for transfection. When the transformed *E. coli* were inoculated directly into LB-ampicillin broth, a small volume of cells was plated to calculate the total number of transformants. In some cases, ampicillin was used for both plates and broth, whereas in other cases carbenicillin was used instead of ampicillin. Paired heavy and light chain libraries were made only once from each sample.

#### *Enrichment for Antigen Binders by Yeast scFv Display*

Polyclonal COVID-19 scFv libraries were sorted<sup>18</sup> to enrich for relevant sequences. Briefly, yeast surface display scFv libraries were generated using COVID-19 scFv DNA libraries and a custom yeast surface display vector transformed by electroporation into EBY100 yeast strain (MYA-4941; ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA). Surface displayed scFv sequences include a C-terminal myc tag to identify scFv expression with an anti-myc primary (A21281; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and AF488 secondary antibody (A11039; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Binding to antigen was identified by staining with soluble biotinylated SARS CoV-2 receptor binding domain antigen (SPD-C82E9; Acro Biosystems, Newark, DE, USA) at 1200 nM and APC-streptavidin (SA1005; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Stained yeast libraries were sorted on a FACSMelody (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA, USA) and double positive (AF488+/APC+) cells were collected. The gating strategy is outlined in **Supplementary Figure S2**. The collected cells were expanded and sorted again to further enrich the libraries. After the second round of sorting, cells were expanded a third time prior to plasmid isolation with a Zymoprep Yeast Plasmid Miniprep kit (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA, USA). The plasmid libraries were then used as

template for barcoding PCR and subsequent analysis by deep sequencing (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). Plasmid from twice-sorted libraries was used as template for PCR towards full-length CHO antibody expression. Yeast scFv sorting was performed only once from each yeast scFv library.

#### *Cell Line Used for rHIG and rhATG*

We adapted the adherent Flp-In™-CHO cell line with a genetically integrated FRT site (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) to suspension culture. For all steps in the adaptation process, “Ham’s F-12” refers to Ham’s F-12 (with L-glutamine, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) plus 10% FBS (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), and “BalanCD” refers to BalanCD CHO Growth A (Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA, USA) with 4 mM Glutamax (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). To adapt this cell line to suspension, we first passaged the cells into a mixture of 50% Ham’s F-12 plus 50% BalanCD in T-flasks. Cells were next passaged into 25% Ham’s F-12 plus 75% BalanCD and switched to shaking Erlenmeyer flasks. Cells were then passaged into 10% Ham’s F-12, 90% BalanCD + 0.2% anti-clumping agent (Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA, USA) and banked for future use.

Approximately 100 million of the adapted Flp-In CHO cells were transfected per recombinant hyperimmune library using an Amaxa Nucleofector 4D (SG buffer, pulse DU133; Lonza, Basel, Switzerland). These cells were plated into shaking Erlenmeyer flasks and recovered in an incubator at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 125 rpm. After 48 hours, the cells were counted to determine viability, cells were seeded at 1 million cells/mL, and selection was started using 600 µg/mL Hygromycin-B (Gemini Bio, West Sacramento, CA, USA) in fresh media. Cells were counted and media was changed every 2-3 days during the 7-day selection. The libraries were kept on 600 µg/mL Hygromycin-B (Gemini Bio, West Sacramento, CA, USA) during expansion until viability exceeded 95%. When cells were >95% viable and doubling every 24 hours, the adapted Flp-In™-CHO cell line was banked for liquid nitrogen storage. Before banking, cells were sampled from each library, RNA was purified, and antibody RNA-seq (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) was performed to assess the diversity of the libraries (**Supplementary Tables S8, S12**).

#### *Cell Line Used for rPIG, rZIG, and rCIG*

A landing pad construct (PMD-4681) was designed and cloned at GigaGen. PMD-4681 was based on pFRT-lacZeo (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), with some modifications. In place of the LacZ expression construct a cassette was inserted coding for expression of CD34 and GFP. The CD34, GFP, and downstream Zeocin resistance genes (ZeoR present in pFRT-lacZeo) were separated by 2A motifs (T2A or P2A) to allow for translation of three separate polypeptide chains. The CD34 sequence was sourced as a gBlock from IDT (Coralville, IA, USA). The GFP sequence was sourced from ATUM (DasherGFP; Newark, CA, USA).

The GMP suspension CHO line CHOZN® GS-/- was obtained from MilliporeSigma (St. Louis, MO, USA). PMD-4681 was linearized using Scal-HF and purified via ethanol precipitation. Cells were transfected with the linearized DNA using Amaxa Nucleofector 4D, SE kit, pulse CM-150 (Lonza, Basel, Switzerland). Cells recovered overnight in an incubator and were plated the next day into minipools at approximately 5,000 cells per well, across ten 96-well plates in selective media. The

remaining cells were plated and selected together as a bulk pool control. Wells were topped off with fresh media every seven days until at least 80% confluency was reached.

A total of 236 minipools grew out and were screened in parallel for high GFP expression via flow cytometry and low copy number with a quantitative PCR Copy Number Variation (CNV) assay. Minipools with a copy number less than 2.5 and GFP expression at least 50% of the bulk pool were expanded into shaking adaptation. Expanded pools were re-tested for GFP expression via flow cytometry.

Cells were then adapted to BalanCD CHO Growth A in preparation for plating into semi-solid media. Minipools were deemed fully adapted when cells showed consistent doubling times and high viability (>90%). Adapted cells were plated into semisolid media for the Molecular Devices (Fremont, CA, USA) ClonePix3 single cell cloning platform. Single cell imaging was obtained on day 0 of cell plating in semisolid media to confirm monoclonality. After 14 days, clonal cell colonies were picked and deposited as one colony per well of a 96-well plate. Each clone was then expanded, re-adapted to selection media, and cryopreserved. Doubling times were calculated and clones with less than a 30-hour doubling time were chosen for further development. Expanded clones were retested for GFP expression and copy number.

Remaining clones were transfected in duplicate using the Gene Pulser Xcell Total System (BioRad, Hercules, CA, USA) per guidelines from MilliporeSigma (St. Louis, MO, USA) for use with CHOZN GS with a monoclonal antibody (mAb)-cyan fluorescent protein (FrostyCFP, ATUM, Newark, CA, USA) construct to test expression titer. CFP expression was evaluated via flow cytometry 3 days post transfection to confirm transfection efficiency >35%. After full selection and recovery, cell lines were tested in a 10-day fed batch TPP shaking production run in duplicate. Titers for candidate cell lines ranged from 50–100 mg/L. A single clone (CSS-1286) was selected to use for recombinant hyperimmune expression.

For transfection of recombinant hyperimmunes into CSS-1286, approximately 50 million cells were transfected per recombinant hyperimmune library using the BioRad Gene Pulser Xcell Total System (Hercules, CA, USA), per guidelines from MilliporeSigma (St. Louis, MO, USA) for use with CHOZN GS. The cells were plated into T-75 flasks (approximately 10 million cells per flask) and recovered in an incubator at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 72 hours. After 72 hours, the cells were counted to determine viability and then seeded into 100 mL fresh media without glutamine (EX-CELL CD CHO Fusion, MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) in a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask. Cells were counted and media was changed every 2-3 days during the ~14-day selection. When cells were >95% viable and doubling every 24 hours, the cell line was banked for liquid nitrogen storage. Before banking, cells were sampled from each library, RNA was purified, and antibody RNA-seq (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) was performed to assess the diversity of the libraries (**Supplementary Tables S4, S6, S9**).

### *Bioproduction of rHIG and rhATG*

Adapted Flp-In™-CHO cells stably expressing antibody libraries were grown in media consisting of 90% BalanCD CHO Growth A Medium (Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA, USA), 9% Ham's F-12 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), 1% FBS

(Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), 4 mM Glutamax (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), 0.2% anti-clumping agent (Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA, USA), 600 µg/mL Hygromycin-B (Gemini Bio, West Sacramento, CA, USA). Protein production was performed at either small (250 mL) or medium (5 L) scale. For small-scale production, cells were seeded at  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/mL into 50 mL media in a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask and grown at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 125 rpm. Cells were continually grown under these conditions and supplemented with 7.5 mL CHO Feed 1 (Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA, USA) on Days 2, 4 and 7 of the production run. Supernatant was harvested on Day 8 or 9 by centrifugation followed by filtration through a 0.22 µm 250 mL filter bottle (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) with 1 µm pre-filter (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA). Harvested cell culture fluid (HCCF) was stored at 4°C (if less than 1 week) or at -80°C (if more than one week) until Protein A purification. For medium-scale production, cells were grown in the same media. Cells were then seeded at  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/mL in 2.3 L in a 5 L flask (in duplicate; Day 0). Each flask was fed with 345 mL CHO Feed 1 (Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA, USA) on Days 2 and 4 of the culture. Cultures were harvested on Day 8 or 9. Each of the four rhATG protein libraries were produced separately.

#### *Bioproduction of rPIG, rZIG, and rCIG*

CSS-1286 CHO cells stably expressing antibody libraries were grown in media without glutamine (EX-CELL CHOZN Advanced; MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA). Protein production was performed at either small (500 mL flask) or medium (5 L flask) scale. For small-scale production, cells were seeded at  $0.5 \times 10^6$  cells/mL into 100 mL media in a 500 mL Erlenmeyer flask and grown at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 125 rpm. Cells were continually grown under these conditions and supplemented with 15 mL CHO Feed 1 (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) on Day 3, and 10 mL CHO Feed 1 (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) on Days 6 and 8 of the production run. Starting on Day 3, glucose was measured each day and supplemented to 6 g/L if below 4 g/L. Supernatant was harvested after cell viability peak and before dropping below 70% viability between Days 9-11, centrifuged and filtered through a 0.22 µm 250 mL filter bottle (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) with 1 µm pre-filter (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA). HCCF was stored at 4°C (if less than 1 week) or at -80°C (if more than one week) until Protein A purification. For medium-scale production, cells were grown in the same media. Cells were seeded at  $0.5 \times 10^6$  cells/mL in 2.2 L in a 5 L flask (in duplicate; Day 0). Each flask was fed with 330 mL CHO Feed 1 (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) on Day 3 and 220 mL CHO Feed 1 (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) on Days 6 and 8 of the production run. Starting on Day 3, glucose was measured each day and supplemented to 6 g/L if below 4 g/L. Cultures were harvested on Day 10-12.

#### *Protein Production and Characterization*

After harvest, HCCF was purified using a 1mL or 5 mL HiTrap MabSelect PrismaA Protein A Column (GE Life Sciences, Marlborough, MA, USA) using the following buffers: 1× PBS pH 7.0-7.4 (Teknova, Hollister, CA, USA) for running and wash buffer, 0.1 M Citrate Buffer, pH 3.0 (Teknova, Hollister, CA, USA) for elution buffer, 1 M Sodium Citrate, pH 6.0 (Teknova, Hollister, CA, USA) for neutralization. The column

was washed at 10 mL/min until UV was stable, then sample was injected at 5 mL/min. The column was washed with 10 column volumes at 10 mL/min. Protein was eluted using elution buffer at 5 mL/min, collecting 1 mL fractions. Fractions were then pooled. Pooled sample was neutralized slowly using 1 M Sodium Citrate to a pH of ~5.0. Neutralized sample was centrifuged at 5000×g to remove any precipitation, then dialyzed overnight into 0.2 M glycine, pH 4.5 (Teknova, Hollister, CA, USA) using a 20K MWCO Dialysis Cassette (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). Buffer was changed once, then sample was removed, spun down to remove any precipitant, filtered through a 0.22 μm filter and quantified by A280 (NanoDrop; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). For rhATG, each of the four libraries were purified by Protein A separately and then equally pooled based on mass.

Purity of the protein was determined by SEC-HPLC. 20 μg of material at 1 mg/mL was injected over a 300 Å, 2.7 μm, 7.8×300 mm size exclusion column (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA) using a mobile phase of 25 mM phosphate, 200 mM NaCl pH 7.0 with 10% acetonitrile at 1 mL/min. The percent monomer was determined by integrating the product peaks and reporting the percent area corresponding to ~150 kDa. The product was further characterized by running 2 μg on a 12% SDS-PAGE gel under reduced and non-reduced buffering conditions, and imaged after staining with SimplyBlue SafeStain (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA).

#### *Deep Antibody Repertoire Sequencing*

Deep antibody sequencing libraries were prepared as described previously,<sup>18</sup> quantified using a KAPA quantitative PCR Illumina Library Quantification Kit (Roche, Mannheim, Germany), and diluted to 17.5 pM. Libraries were sequenced on a MiSeq (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) using a 500 cycle MiSeq Reagent Kit v2, according to the manufacturer's instructions. To make sequencing libraries, we used tailed-end PCR to add Illumina sequencing adapters to the 5' and 3' ends of the constructs of interest. For scFv libraries (after droplet emulsion breaking or yeast plasmid isolation), a forward read of 340 cycles was used to capture the light chain CDR3 sequence, and a reverse read of 162 cycles was used to capture the linked heavy chain CDR3 sequence. For CHO libraries, the full-length heavy chain sequence was obtained using overlapping forward and reverse reads of 251 cycles. To determine the Fc isotype of a library, the heavy chain was amplified with a primer that binds further into the constant domain to add the Illumina sequencing adapter to the 3' end; the first 60 bp of the constant domain was sequenced to determine the isotype, which was linked to the corresponding CDR3H that was simultaneously sequenced. Each library was sequenced one time.

Sequence analysis, including error correction, reading frame identification, and FR/CDR junction calls was performed using our previously reported bioinformatics pipeline.<sup>18</sup> Reads with  $E > 1$  ( $E$  is the expected number of errors) were discarded, such that we retained sequences for which the most probable number of base call errors is zero. Clones are defined as sequences with unique CDR3 amino acid sequences (CDR3K + CDR3H for scFv clones, CDR3H only for CHO clones). For the clonal cluster analysis, we used USEARCH<sup>48</sup> to compute the total amino acid differences between each pairwise alignment of heavy chain sequences with abundance  $\geq 0.01\%$  in each CHO library. We then used the R package igraph<sup>49</sup> (version 1.2.4.1) to generate

clustering plots for the pairwise alignments. The sequences were represented as “nodes”, with the color (and sometimes shape) defined in the respective figures. The size of the nodes reflects the frequency of the clone (small, <0.1%; medium, 0.1-1%; large, >1%). “Edges” are the links between nodes, which indicate pairwise alignments with  $\leq 5$  amino acid differences. The layout\_with\_graphopt (niter = 3000, charge = 0.03) option was used to format the output. To assess antibody repertoire overlap between libraries, we computed Jaccard and Morisita indices using the R package tcR<sup>50</sup> (version 2.3.2).

Sequencing data are available in the Short Read Archive (SRA) under project identifier PRJNA649279.

### *In vitro Efficacy Studies*

rCIG: Anti-SARS CoV-2 antibody reactivities were measured using a protocol based on published ELISA methods.<sup>51</sup> In brief, SARS CoV-2 Spike and RBD (wild type and variant proteins; Sino Biological, Wayne, PA, USA) were used to coat ELISA plates at 2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ . Serial dilutions of antibody preparations including test plasma and libraries, positive control monoclonal antibodies (CR3022; Absolute Antibody, San Diego, CA, USA, and SAD-S35; Acro Biosystems, Newark, DE, USA) and negative control IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) were performed in dilution buffer (1 $\times$  PBS + 0.05% Tween + 0.3% dry milk) in singlet. Quantitative measurements were performed on a plate reader (Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA) and analyzed using Softmax Pro (Version 7.1; Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA) to calculate the EC50 concentrations of samples. The concentration of total IgG was calculated by Cedex Bioanalyzer Human IgG assay (Roche, Mannheim, Germany).

Blocking of binding between Spike RBD and ACE2 was demonstrated by ELISA (BPS Bioscience, San Diego, CA, USA). In brief, SARS CoV-2 Spike RBD protein was coated onto an ELISA plate, serial dilutions of test plasma and libraries, positive control monoclonal antibodies (CR3022; Absolute Antibody, San Diego, CA, USA, and SAD-S35; Acro Biosystems, Newark, DE, USA) and negative control IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) were performed in singlet in dilution buffer (1 $\times$  PBS + 0.05% Tween + 0.3% dry milk). After incubation, ACE2-His was added at 2.5  $\text{ng}/\text{mL}$ . After incubation, plate was washed and anti-His-HRP was added. Next, the plate was washed and developed for a chemiluminescent readout. Quantitative measurements were performed on a plate reader (Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA) and analyzed using Softmax Pro (Version 7.1; Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA) to calculate the EC50 concentrations of samples.

The SARS-CoV-2 pseudotype virus neutralization assay was performed in a 96-well plate using ACE2 expressing HEK-293T target cells (CRL-11268; ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA) transiently transfected with TMPRSS-2 expression plasmid. The GFP reporter pseudotype virus expressing SARS-CoV-2 spike (Integral Molecular, Philadelphia, PA, USA) was mixed with test plasma, test rCIG, positive control monoclonal antibodies (CR3022; Absolute Antibody, San Diego, CA, USA, and SAD-S35; Acro Biosystems, Newark, DE, USA) and negative control IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) at a five-fold dilution series in singlet. After one-hour incubation,  $4 \times 10^4$  cells target cells were added to each well and incubated at 37°C for

48 hours. After incubation, the media was removed from all wells without disturbing the adherent cells. TrypLE (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) was added to each well and incubated for 3 minutes at 37°C. Media was added to stop trypsinization and cells were stained with DAPI and passed through a 30-40 µm filter (Pall Corporation, Port Washington, NY, USA) before quantifying GFP+ cells using a Cytoflex LX (Beckman Coulter, Indianapolis, IN, USA). Flow cytometry data were analyzed by FlowJo (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA, USA).

SARS CoV-2 microneutralization (MN) assays were performed at the Regional Biocontainment Laboratory at Duke University Medical Center (Durham, NC, USA) in a 96-well plate format using Vero E6 cells (ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA) infected with 100 TCID<sub>50</sub> dose of the 2019-nCoV/USA-WA1/2020 strain. Test and control samples were initially diluted to 1:50, then a 12-step, two-fold serial dilution of test antibodies was performed before infection of the cells; every test or control was run in duplicate. IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) was used as negative control. Cell-only control wells were included alongside virus-only treated wells. Following 4 days of infection, culture media was removed, and cell monolayer was fixed with 10% NBF and stained with 0.1% Crystal Violet. Absorbance at 590 nm or visual inspection was used to measure the monolayer condition/level of infection. Neutralization was reported as the lowest concentration of sample that prevents CPE in the monolayer.

*rZIG*: Zika- and Dengue-specific antibodies were measured by ELISA. A 96-well microtiter plate was coated with either 2 µg/ml Zika or Dengue Serotype 1, 2, 3, or 4 recombinant envelope proteins (ProSpec Bio, East Brunswick, NJ, USA) in 1× carbonate coating buffer (BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA) and incubated overnight at 4°C. After blocking the coated plate with ultrablock buffer (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA) and washing with PBS + 0.05% Tween-20 (Teknova, Hollister, CA, USA), eight-step three-fold serial dilutions in assay buffer (1× PBS + 0.05% Tween + 0.3% dry milk) were performed on rZIG-IgG1, rZIG-LALA, Zika/Dengue+ serum positive control (Seracare, Milford, MA, USA), and a negative control IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain). Dilutions were added in duplicate and incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. Next, a secondary rabbit anti-human IgG HPR conjugate (Southern Biotech, Birmingham, AL, USA) was added, and the plate was washed and developed using TMB substrate solution (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). The reaction was halted after 8 minutes using sulfuric acid stopping solution (Southern Biotech, Birmingham, AL, USA). Quantitative absorbance measurements were performed on a SpectraMax i3x plate reader (Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA) at 450 nm and 620nm. Standard curves (OD<sub>450-620</sub>) were artificially set to max out at 2.97 abs value. EC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by non-linear regression analysis using GraphPad Prism (San Diego, CA, USA).

Zika and Dengue *in vitro* pseudotype neutralization assays were performed at Vitalant Research Institute (VRI, San Francisco, CA, USA). rZIG, a Zika/Dengue-specific immune sera (UWIS; de-identified sample screened positive for Zika and Dengue 1-4 by University of the West Indies), monoclonal antibody positive control (UWI-mAb1; IgG1 isotype cloned from de-identified donor by University of the West Indies, found to be cross-reactive to Zika and Dengue 1-4), and IVIG negative control (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) were co-incubated with reporter virus

particles (RVPs; Integral Molecular, Philadelphia, PA, USA) expressing both luciferase and flavivirus-specific glycoproteins as previously described.<sup>52</sup> Briefly, BHK/DC-SIGN cells (CRL-325; ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA) were seeded in black 96-well plates and then incubated with a 7-step, 3-fold serial dilution of antibodies pre-incubated for one hour at 37°C with RVPs and tested in duplicate. After 72 hours cells were lysed and luciferase activity measured using lysis buffer and firefly luciferase substrate following manufacturer's guidelines (Promega, Madison, WI, USA). Infection-induced relative light units (RLU) in the presence of test articles were calculated as the RLU of the test article divided by the RLU of a no-serum control infection. The amount of protein required to inhibit 50% of the maximum untreated Zika or Dengue RLUs (IC<sub>50</sub>) was calculated by non-linear regression analysis using GraphPad Prism (San Diego, CA, USA).

Assays for *in vitro* antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE) were performed at VRI. rZIG, the Zika/Dengue-specific immune sera UWIS, the monoclonal antibody positive control UWI-mAb1, and IVIG negative control (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) were serially diluted and co-incubated with RVPs at 37°C for 1 hour before addition to K562 chronic myelogenous leukemia cells (CCL-243; Manassas, VA, USA) in U-bottom 96-well plates in triplicate. After a 72 hour incubation at 37°C, cells were harvested, lysed, and infection-induced relative light units (RLU) in the presence of test articles were calculated as the RLU of the test article divided by the RLU of a no antibody control infection (to determine the reported fold-increase in infection).

rHIG: The Human Anti-Hib-PRP IgG ELISA kit (#980-100-PHG, Alpha Diagnostics, San Antonio, TX, USA) was used for anti-Hib ELISA titers. The Human Anti-S. Pneumococcal vaccine (Pneumovax/CPS23) IgG ELISA kit (Alpha Diagnostics #560-190-23G, San Antonio, TX, USA) was used in parallel with the human anti-S. pneumoniae CWPS/22F IgG ELISA kit (#560-410-C22, Alpha Diagnostics, San Antonio, TX, USA) for initial assessment of anti-pneumococcal titers against a pool of all 23 polysaccharides included in the vaccine.<sup>18</sup> Serial dilutions of test articles were performed in Low NSB (non-specific binding) sample diluent in singlet. IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) was used as a reference control. Quantitative measurements were performed on a plate reader (Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA) at 450 nm. EC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated using SoftMax Pro (Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA).

*In vitro* serum bactericidal assay neutralization studies for Hib were performed at ImQuest (Frederick, MD, USA). The *Haemophilus influenzae* strain ATCC 10211 was obtained from ATCC (Manassas, VA, USA) as a lyophilized stock and was propagated as recommended by the supplier. The Eagan strain was obtained from Zeptomatrix (Buffalo, NY, USA). Colonies from an overnight incubation on chocolate agar plates were inoculated into growth media (Brain Heart Infusion, or BHI broth; BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA, USA, with 2% Fildes enrichment; Remel, San Diego, CA, USA) and allowed to achieve an optical density of 625 nm (OD<sub>625</sub>) of approximately 0.4. The culture was adjusted to an OD<sub>625</sub> of 0.15, which is equivalent to approximately 5×10<sup>8</sup> colony forming units (CFU)/mL. The culture was further diluted to 5×10<sup>4</sup> CFU/mL in dilution buffer (Hanks Balanced Salt Solution; Gibco, Waltham, MA, USA, with 2% Fildes enrichment; Remel, San Diego, CA, USA). The density of the bacterial culture used in the assay was confirmed by plating 50 μL of the 5×10<sup>3</sup> and 5×10<sup>2</sup> dilutions in

duplicate on chocolate agar and enumerating the colonies following incubation at 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 24 hours. rHIG and IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) reference control were diluted three-fold in buffer, starting at 200 µg/mL such that a total of ten total dilutions were evaluated in singlet. 10 µL of each dilution of test article was added in duplicate to a 96-well microtiter plate. ATCC 10211 bacteria at a concentration of approximately 5×10<sup>4</sup> CFU/mL were then added to the plate in a volume of 20 µL, such that the total in-well bacterial density would be 1×10<sup>4</sup> CFU/20 µL. Following an incubation of 15 minutes at 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 25 µL of baby rabbit complement (Pel-Freez; Rogers, AR, USA) and 25 µL of dilution buffer was added to each well. The plate was incubated at 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 60 minutes. Following the incubation, 5 µL of each reaction mixture was diluted in 45 µL of dilution buffer and the entire 50 µL was plated on chocolate agar plates. The plates were incubated for approximately 16 hours at 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Following incubation, bacterial colonies were enumerated. The fold-dilution of the test article that killed >50% of the bacteria is the serum bactericidal index (SBI).

*rPIG*: Serotype-specific antibodies were measured by ELISA and opsonophagocytosis. The concentrations of serotype-specific IgG1 antibody were calculated using the standard reference serum, lot 89SF (National Institute for Biological Standards and Control; Hertfordshire, UK), using the standardized pneumococcal reference ELISA as previously described.<sup>53</sup> Briefly, 96-well flat-bottomed microtiter plates were coated with capsular polysaccharide antigens (LGC Standards, Teddington, UK) from pneumococcal serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 12F, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, 22F, 23F, and 33F. All samples were tested in singlet and double absorbed with CWPS and with purified serotype 22F polysaccharide to neutralize the anti-cell wall polysaccharide and nonspecific homologous antibodies to serotype 22F, as described in the WHO reference ELISA protocol.<sup>54</sup> Plates were washed, and a titration of rPIG and reference control IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain) was performed. Plates were incubated and washed again, and prediluted alkaline phosphatase-conjugated goat anti-human IgA (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA), alkaline phosphatase-conjugated mouse anti-human IgG1 (Abcam, Cambridge, UK), or alkaline phosphatase-conjugated mouse anti-human IgG2 (Source BioScience, Nottingham, UK) was added to each well. After a final incubation, the plates were washed and *p*-nitrophenyl phosphate substrate (MilliporeSigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) was added. The reaction was stopped by adding 3 M NaOH (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) to each well. Plates were read using a microtiter plate reader (SPECTROstar Omega; BMG Labtech, Buckinghamshire, UK) at 405 and 690 nm.

The opsonophagocytic indices (OI) to the same pneumococcal serotypes were evaluated by multiplexed opsonophagocytic assay, as previously described.<sup>55</sup> In brief, frozen aliquots of target pneumococci were thawed, washed twice with opsonization buffer B (HBSS with Ca and Mg, 0.1% gelatin, and 10% fetal bovine serum), and diluted to the proper bacterial density (approximately 2×10<sup>5</sup> CFUs/mL each serotype). Equal volumes of four bacterial suspensions chosen for simultaneous analysis were pooled. All products were incubated in singlets at 50°C for 30 minutes before serial dilutions in opsonization buffer B. Single serially diluted test articles (20 µL/well) were mixed with 10 µL of bacterial suspension in each well of a microplate. After 30 minutes of incubation at

room temperature with shaking at 700 rpm, 10  $\mu$ L of 3- to 4-week-old rabbit complement (Pel-Freeze, Rogers, AR, USA) and 40  $\mu$ L of differentiated HL60 cells ( $4 \times 10^5$  cells) were added. Plates were incubated in a 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator with shaking at 700 rpm. After being incubated for 45 minutes, plates were placed on ice for 10 to 15 minutes, and an aliquot of the final reaction mixture (10  $\mu$ L) was spotted onto four different Todd-Hewitt broth with 0.5% yeast extract and 1.5% agar (THY) plate. When the fluid was absorbed into the agar, an equal volume of overlay agar containing one of four antibiotics (optochin, spectinomycin, streptomycin, or trimethoprim) was applied to each THY agar plate. After overnight incubation at 37°C, the number of bacterial colonies in the agar plates was enumerated. IVIG was used as reference control (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain). The OI was defined as the test product dilution that kills 50% of bacteria and was determined by linear interpolation.

rhATG: To assess relative amount and specificity of rhATG, we performed an ELISA on antigens known to be expressed on thymocytes and previously described as having rabbit-ATG reactivity.<sup>41</sup> Rabbit-ATG positive control was from Sanofi Genzyme (Thymoglobulin; Cambridge, MA, USA). T cell antigens (CD3, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD16a, CD32a, CD45, CD81, CD85 CD95) were purchased from Sino Biological (Wayne, PA, USA) and individually coated onto 96-well ELISA plates (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) at 1  $\mu$ g/mL in 1 $\times$  carbonate coating buffer (BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA). After an overnight incubation at 4°C, coated plates were washed and blocked (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA) for 1 hour. Polyclonal products were diluted to 200  $\mu$ g/mL of total IgG and an 8-step 1:3 titration in assay buffer (1 $\times$  PBS + 0.05% Tween + 0.3% dry milk) was performed. The antibody titrations were added to each antigen and incubated for 1 hour at 37°C. Polyclonal HRP goat anti-rabbit IgG (E28002; Novodiya, Hayward, CA, USA) or mouse anti-human IgG HRP (109-035-088; Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA, USA) were diluted 1:2500 and incubated on the plate for 1 hour. Plates were washed, developed using 1-step ultra TMB substrate (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), and stopped with 1 N HCl. Plates were read by a spectrophotometer (Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA) at 450 nm and analyzed with Softmax Pro (v7; Molecular Devices, Fremont, CA, USA).

To assess off-target antibody binding we performed a red blood cell antigen binding assay, using the Capture-R kit (Immucor, Norcross, GA, USA). Using a dilution of test article (Thymoglobulin or rhATG) or positive control from the Immucor kit, samples were added to the plate and incubated for 1hr at 37°C in singlets. ELISA plates were washed and incubated Polyclonal HRP goat anti-rabbit IgG (E28002; Novodiya, Hayward, CA, USA) or mouse anti-human IgG HRP (109-035-088; Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA, USA). Subsequently, plates were washed and developed with ultra-TMB substrate (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and the reaction was stopped with 3 M NaOH (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) and read the plate on a spectrophotometer at 450 nm.

To determine *in vitro* function of rhATG, peripheral blood mononuclear cells were isolated from whole blood acquired from a CRO (StemCell Technologies, Vancouver, Canada) and frozen. PBMCs were thawed, washed, and plated at  $1.5 \times 10^5$  cells/well in singlets. Thymoglobulin or rhATG were diluted five-fold starting at 40  $\mu$ g/mL total IgG and co-incubated with each donor PBMC. Cells were co-incubated overnight at 37°C.

After incubation, cells were washed, FcR blocked, and stained for CD45 (clone H130; BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA), CD3 (clone UCHT1; BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA), CD8 (clone BW135/80; Miltenyi, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany), CD20 (clone 2H7; BioLegend, San Diego, CA), CD56 (clone 5.1H11; BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA), and CD16 (clone 3G8; BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA). Flow cytometry was performed using a Cytoflex LX (Beckman Coulter, Indianapolis, IN, USA) and a consistent collection volume of 150 seconds per well was implemented for every sample. The data were analyzed by FlowJo (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA, USA). Cell counts after antibody co-incubation relative to no-antibody control (% cells) were calculated. Results were graphed in GraphPad Prism (San Diego, CA, USA). The gating strategy is outlined in **Supplementary Figure S27a**.

### *In Vivo Mouse Efficacy Studies*

Ethical approval was obtained by IACUCs at either SSI (Copenhagen, Denmark) for the Hib challenge model or Jackson Laboratory (Sacramento, CA, USA) for the GVH model.

***IVIG + rHIG/rPIG***: For IVIG + rHIG/rPIG *in vivo* challenge studies, the *Haemophilus influenzae* strain ATCC 10211 was grown on chocolate agar plates overnight at 35°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Single overnight colonies were resuspended in sterile saline to 1.5×10<sup>8</sup> CFU/mL. This suspension was diluted in BHI broth to 1.5×10<sup>7</sup> CFU/mL and further diluted in BHI broth with 5% mucin and 2% hemoglobin to 1.5×10<sup>4</sup> CFU/mL. In an IACUC-approved protocol (SSI, Copenhagen, Denmark), Balb/cJ mice (Taconic, Rensselaer, NY, USA; n=6 per group) were inoculated with single 0.5 mL intraperitoneal doses of 10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mL ATCC 10211. Approximately 1 hour before inoculation, mice were treated orally with 45 µL Nurofen (30 mg/kg) as pain relief. Twenty-four hours prior to Hib inoculation, mice were intravenously administered 200 mg/kg IVIG + rHIG/rPIG mixture, 500 mg/kg IVIG + rHIG/rPIG mixture, 500 mg/kg IVIG (Gamunex; Grifols, S.A., Sant Cugat, Spain), or saline (no treatment). For the ciprofloxacin positive control, one hour after Hib inoculation, mice were dosed with 20 mg/kg ciprofloxacin. Mice were scored for clinical signs of infection, then after 6 hours all animals were sacrificed and blood and peritoneal fluid was collected for CFU determination by serial dilution and plating of 0.02 ml spots on chocolate agar plates.

***rhATG***: We contracted with Jackson Laboratory (Sacramento, CA, USA) under an IACUC-approved protocol to Jackson Laboratory to test rhATG for ability to delay GVHD in immunodeficient NOD *scid* gamma (NSG) mice (genotype: NOD.Cg-Prkdc<sup>scid</sup> Il2rg<sup>tm1Wjl</sup>/SzJ), compared against rabbit-ATG (Thymoglobulin; Sanofi Genzyme, Cambridge, MA) and a vehicle control. Each animal was grafted with approximately 1×10<sup>7</sup> PBMC of a single human donor. On Day 5 after PBMC engraftment, animals were randomized by weight and dosed intravenously every other day for two weeks with 5.5 mg/kg rhATG (n=8), 6.5 mg/kg Thymoglobulin (n=8), or a vehicle control (n=8), or Days 5, 6, and 7 post-engraftment with 5.5 mg/kg rhATG (n=8), 6.5 mg/kg Thymoglobulin (n=8), or a vehicle control (n=8). Two PBMC donors were tested for each dosing regimen (2 PBMC donors × 2 dosing regimens × 3 treatment groups × 8 animals per group = 96 animals). Animals were assessed for clinical signs of mortality daily. Mice were euthanized by CO<sub>2</sub> asphyxiation before final study take down if they

showed >20% weight loss from their starting weight or a combination of the following clinical signs: >10-20% weight loss from their starting weight, cold to touch, lethargic, pale, hunched posture and scruffy coat. 50  $\mu$ L of blood was drawn from all alive animals on Days 9, 16, 23, and 30 post-engraftment via retro-orbital bleed, and flow cytometry stained for Human (hu)CD45-PE (clone HI30; BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA) and 7AAD (BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA); 50  $\mu$ L of CountBright beads (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) were added to each sample prior to acquisition. Flow cytometric data acquisition was performed using the BD Biosciences FACSCanto flow cytometer (San Jose, CA, USA), and data were acquired and analyzed using BD Biosciences FACSDiva™ software (version 8.0 or higher; San Jose, CA, USA); lymphocytes, singlet, live cells, and CD45+ cells were gated and cell numbers quantified relative to CountBright beads. The gating strategy is outlined in **Supplementary Figure S27b**.